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SUBJECT: RE-ELECTION UNSYG WALHEIM

1. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER GARBA TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE HAD BEEN THE MOVING FORCE BEHIND THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING THE RE-ELECTION OF UNSYG WALDHEIM AT BOTH OAU MAURITIUS SUMMIT AND COLOMBO NAM MEET. BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE, FMG HAS NOW BEEN ASKED TO SEEK THE SUPPORT OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR WALDHEIM'S RE-ELECTION. GARBA SAID THAT THE DIRECTOR OF MEA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT (IO) WOULD BE CONTACTING ME TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER. THE COMMISSIONER ALSO SAID NIGERIA WANTED THE WALDHEIM RE-ELECTION ISSUE TAKEN UP AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION RATHER THAN AT THE END AND NEEDED TO KNOW WHETHER THE U.S. FELT SUCH A PROCEDURAL MOVE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

2. I HAD ALREADY BEEN CONVOKED BY IO DIRECTOR MUSA FOR MEETING NEXT MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AT 1330 HOURS LOCAL; IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF WE COULD GIVE MUSA THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSES AT THAT TIME. PLEASE ADVISE.

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